

News Highlights, January 4-10, 2013

New Bern Sun Journal

Gov. Pat McCrory makes inaugural visit to New Bern

New Bern welcomed Gov. Pat McCrory with pomp Tuesday on his Eastern North Carolina inaugural visit, after receiving the oath of office Saturday in the old Capitol Building in Raleigh. McCrory toured Tryon Palace with Deputy and Interim Director Philippe Lafargue, Palace Commission Chairman Bill Cannon, local supporter Champ Mitchell and his newly appointed Secretary of Cultural Resources Susan Kluttz. On her second day on the job, Kluttz said, "This is my first official trip to any of the state's 27 historic sites. I'm thrilled this is the one." Read more here.

Carteret County News-Times

McCrory talks jobs for state

Gov. Pat McCrory's top priority is fixing the state's broken economy, and he told a crowd of supporters at Tryon Palace and the N.C. History Center that Eastern North Carolina will play an important role in the state's resurgence. The Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps greeted the supporters outside, and an African-American song and dance troupe entertained those inside. New Secretary of Cultural Resources Susan Kluttz, who will oversee operations including the Tryon Palace, introduced him. Read more here.

Fox News

Top sleeper cities of 2013

Many travelers will have large metropolises on their list of top destinations to visit this year, but those tend to be pretty expensive. You can have a great time in many smaller, less expensive destinations that are sleeper hot spots. Raleigh, North Carolina, is an unexpectedly dynamic destination, with revitalized attractions and hot spots that are a must-see for visitors. Travelers can take advantage of many free offerings like the North Carolina Museum of History, which also houses the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. Read more here.

Kinston Free Press

SCV CSS Ram Neuse camp donates \$900 toward uniform exhibit at gunboat museum

The CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center is designed to show all aspects of the Civil War in Eastern North Carolina, from military to civilian. Camp 1427 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has donated \$900 toward the making of an "authentic" North Carolina soldier's uniform and gear, which would be on display in the Interpretive Center before its "soft" opening this winter. A check was presented Tuesday evening by camp officers to Keith Hardison, director of the N.C. Division of Historic Sites and Properties. Read more here.

Beach Carolina Magazine

North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2013 Inductees

The North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame has announced its 11 inductees for 2013, and they will be honored at an induction banquet May 2. The permanent Hall of Fame exhibit at the N.C. Museum of History features significant artifacts donated by the inductees since the organization was established in 1963. Read more here.

Apex Herald, Garner News, Fuquay-Varina Independent, Cleveland Post and Holly Springs Sun Learn about USS North Carolina in 2013

Consider giving the gift of exploration with one of the Battleship North Carolina's Life Long Learning Programs. These stimulating events will provide lasting memories with opportunities to learn and see the battleship in various capacities. Choose from four programs that explore different facets of the ship – Hidden Battleship, Firepower, Power Plant and design & Damage Control. Read one version of the story and view photos here.

Daily Advance

EC HAS It! In 2013

Elizabeth City has History, Art and Science; it H.A.S. It! That's been the marketing push for downtown Elizabeth City for the past two years. The main source of history downtown is Museum of the Albemarle, which is coming off of a stellar year with record attendance numbers. Curator Wanda Stiles says the main reason for 2012's success is the diversity of the programming; the other reason is simply that more people are learning about what the museum has to offer. Read more here.